

ESH WEDNESDAY brought to a close the most brilliant season in the social annals of the Capital. For the first time since Dolly Madison's day, the wife of the President has been a real leader, and the White House a center for the fashionable world. Mrs. Roosevelt began her official entertaining in December with the Cabinet dinner. Since then she has been indefatigable in carrying out the plans made in the early winter.

She has maintained an afternoon at home, and every week or so has received several hundred people, as though the task were an agreeable one, and she had real pleasure in it. There have been the usual four state receptions, several musicales, and four state dinners besides many private dinners and luncheons. Dignity, elegance, and simplicity have marked all the entertaining at the White House, and both the President and Mrs. Roosevelt, who is her husband's able coadjutor in all his plans, have added to their popularity by their hospitality.

The re-election of Mrs. Fairbanks as president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution meets with approval, not only among those who are directly interested in the society, but by people generally. Since she became the executive officer of the congress, Mrs. Fairbanks has presided with dignity, and has won admiration by her knowledge of parliamentary law and her ability to enforce them with seemingly no effort. Ease and grace have marked her administration of a difficult office, and she has gained friends, both in and outside of the society, by her fairness, impartiality, and generous manner of treating all questions.

There is no class in the world so generally misunderstood as the women in society. The popular idea—as are nearly all popular ideas—regarding them is a false one. A woman of fashion is generally regarded as a frivolous person, whose only idea is her own distraction and entertainment, and there are doubtless many such in the world, but the jewels and furbelows worn by some of the belles of society cover as saintly souls as ever a nun possessed, and the gayest women are often as assiduous in their charities as in the carrying out of their social duties.

Lent has a real meaning to many of the devotees of fashion, and for the next few weeks young women, who a short time ago seemed to have only one idea, that of having a good time, will carry succor and comfort to the poor and needy. The rosters of the charitable institutions in Washington bear the names of many fashionables who take an active part in their work and contribute generously, not only money, but time, labor, and sympathy.

The Wife of the Assistant Secretary of State.

An agreeable addition to Washington society is Mrs. Loomis, wife of the Assistant Secretary of State. Mrs. Loomis was a Miss Mast, of Springfield, Ohio, daughter of the Hon. P. F. Mast, who is widely known for his success in manufacturing and inventing, and who was conspicuous in his State for his benevolence and generous contributions to charity. Mrs. Loomis is an alumnus of Vassar and was doyenette of the diplomatic corps in Caracas when her husband was stationed there. She is a woman of much charm and distinction, and was a popular member of the diplomatic corps in Lisbon and a favorite at court.

Miss Hanna's Wedding.

An event of early summer will be the marriage of Miss Ruth Hanna to Joseph Medill McCormick, of Chicago. The ceremony will take place at the Hanna home in Cleveland, and will be celebrated by Bishop Leonard, who was formerly rector of St. John's Church here. Ambassador and Mrs. McCormick, who sailed for their post at St. Petersburg shortly after the announcement of their son's engagement, will return to this country for the marriage. Their niece, Miss Eleanor Patterson, who accompanied them to Russia, will return to act as one of Miss Hanna's bridesmaids.

Miss Langham.

Miss Langham has made her home with her sister, the Baroness Sternburg, for several years back, and is at present an inmate of the embassy. She is a woman of many personal attractions, and has artistic talent of a high order. When in Calcutta she took the lead among the younger set in the foreign colony, and was noted for her prowess in all out-of-door games, especially for her adeptness at the national sport of pigsticking.

The Foreign Colony.

The Austrian ambassador and Madame Hengelmüller, who went to New York to attend the dinner given on Friday evening by Mrs. Sloan in their honor, returned to the embassy yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Orme Wilson are visiting the British ambassador and Lady Herbert.

Gen. Isaac Khan left yesterday for Mexico, where he has been sent on a special mission by his government with the rank of ambassador. His object is to establish diplomatic and commercial relations with Mexico, the Argentine Republic, and Brazil.

Mr. Dering, of the British embassy, who has been confined to his house by an attack of the grip, is quite recovered, and was at his post at the embassy yesterday.

Senator Godoy, the Mexican minister to Guatemala, will leave town on Wednesday for his new post.

Dinners.

The Italian ambassador and Signora Mayor des Planches entertained at dinner last night in honor of Baron and Baroness Speck von Sternburg. The other guests were the Russian ambassador, Count Cassini, Mrs. Hobson, M. and Mme. de Margerie, M. and Mme. von Callenberg, Miss Langham, Jerome Bonaparte, Mr. Norman and Count Gherardesca.

The British ambassador and Lady Herbert entertained at dinner last night. Their guests were Senator and Mrs. Wetmore, Senator and Mrs. Hanna, Senator and Mrs. Dooliver, Senator and Mrs. Alger, the Third Assistant Secretary of

State and Mrs. Peirce, Colonel and Mrs. Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Webster, Mr. and Mrs. Ward Thron, Mrs. Arthur Paget, Mr. and Mrs. Orme Wilson, Miss Gwynne, Miss Tuckermann, Miss Elizabeth Kean, Colonel Morrell, Mr. Hitt, R. Adams, Mr. Hansen, and Herbert G. Dering.

The Belgian minister and Baroness Moncheur entertained at dinner last night. Their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Henley Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Denegre, Mr. and Mrs. Cropper, Miss Foulke, and Mr. Thaw.

Admiral Dewey entertained at dinner last night.

Representative Sibley of Pennsylvania entertained at dinner Friday night. His guests were Representative George R. Patterson, Representative E. B. Vreeland, Representative Arthur L. Bates, Representative James P. Connor, Representative Edgar D. Crumpacker, Representative Alston G. Dayton, Representative Ernest F. Acheson, Representative John W. Dwight, Representative Louis W. Emerson, Representative George N. Southwick, Representative Francis V. Cushman, Representative Joseph V. Graff, Representative Leonidas F. Livingston, Representative John R. Thayer, Representative William Richardson, Representative Andrew F. Fox, Representative James E. Watson, Representative Charles F. Wright, Henry Casson (sergeant-at-arms), Col. M. M. Parker, Alexander McDowell, George W. Beavers, Fred Rittman, Charles G. Bennett, Frank B. Lyon, and Mr. Higgins.

The Commissioner of Patents and Mrs. Allen entertained at dinner last night. Their guests were: Justice and Mrs. Brewer, General and Mrs. Leonard Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Sereno E. Payne, Commissioner and Mrs. Macfarland, Commander and Mrs. Reamy, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Foster, Mrs. Evans and S. J. Thayer.

Mrs. Charles G. Dulin entertained Friday night in honor of Senator and Senora Godoy. Senator Godoy has been connected with the Mexican embassy for many years, and was recently promoted to the rank of minister and transferred to Guatemala. The many friends of this popular family regret their going.

Luncheons.

Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh gave a luncheon at the New Willard yesterday, in honor of Mrs. Arthur Paget, who is the guest of Mrs. John Davis. Mrs. Walsh's guests were: The Italian Ambassador and Signora Mayor des Planches, the Belgian Minister and Baroness Moncheur, Miss Wilson, General and Mrs. Miles, General and Mrs. Draper, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Foster, Dr. and Mrs. Mason, Captain and Mrs. Fenton, Mr. and Mrs. Edson Gallaudet, Mrs. Thomas Noyes, Miss Ward McAllister, Miss Preston, the Misses I. Ardman, Miss Thaw, Miss Patten, Miss Hyde, Lathrop Bradley, Mr. Woodhull, the Earl of Yarmouth, Mr. Thaw, Mr. Acklan, Count d'Adhemar, Jasper Wilson, Waldo Story, Mr. Boeufve, Mr. Morgan.

Mrs. Quitman Munce, of I Street, gave a luncheon on Thursday. Her guests were Mrs. George W. Smith, Mrs. Robert N. Harper, Mrs. William H. Daw, Mrs. Van Soden, Mrs. Shepard, Mrs. Clifford Wright, Miss McClintock, Miss Shepard, Miss O'Donnell, Miss May, and Mrs. Townsend.

Mrs. Deards entertained the D. K. Euchre Club at luncheon on Thursday last at her home in Seventh Street northeast. Mrs. Walz won the first prize, Mrs. Holt the second prize, and Mrs. Jacobs the booby prize.

Mrs. Gardner gave a luncheon of nine covers at the New Willard Friday. The table was decorated in violets. Those



MRS. LOOMIS, Wife of the Assistant Secretary of State.

present were Miss Mary Love Stringfield, Mrs. W. O. Shannon, Mrs. Edwin Overman, Mrs. W. W. McKenzie, Mrs. Lindsay Patterson, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Griscom, and Mrs. Giltson.

Musicales.

Mrs. Fred Dennett gave a musicale tea Friday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Susanne Oldberg. She was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Thomas Marshall, wife of Representative Marshall, of North Dakota; Mrs. J. C. Bell, wife of Representative Bell, of Colorado, and Mrs. Henry J. Finley. Mrs. Henry Bliss and Mrs. Randolph D. Hopkins presided over the prettily appointed tea table. They were aided by Miss Phil, Miss Redway, Miss Parsons and Miss North.

The rooms were decorated with palms, hyacinths and orchids, and the candles veiled with pink shades, making a bright interior in agreeable contrast to the gloom out of doors. The following artists gave a well-selected program: Mrs. Susanne Oldberg, Mrs. Mattie B. Thomas, Miss Helen A. Daly, Miss Bessie Fill, Miss Margaret Veitch, Miss North, Miss Rawlings, and Harry Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. John Joy Edson gave a musicale Thursday evening at their home in Sixteenth Street. An interesting program was given by Mrs. Thomas G. Noyes, Mrs. Ralph P. Barnard, Miss Elizabeth Edson, Ernest Lent, and Arthur D. Mayo.

Weddings and Engagements.

The marriage of Miss Gertrude T. Becker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Becker, and Martin K. Bostick was celebrated by the Rev. Father Ambrose Bevans at the Church of the Immaculate Conception at 1 o'clock on Tuesday last. Miss May Mahorney acted as bridesmaid and William B. Becker, brother of the bride, as best man. A reception took place in the evening at the home of the bride's parents, 1135 Tenth Street northwest. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. William M. Becker, William B. Becker, J. Albert Becker, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Blake, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond R. Breen, Mr. and Mrs. John Shughrue, Mr. and Mrs. William T. McClosky, Mr. and Mrs. William R. McClosky, Mr. and Mrs. George J. McClosky, Mr. and Mrs. William Becker, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Becker, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. William Bushby, Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Bergman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Shreve, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Katherine Yost, Mrs. James Green, Mrs. Emma Van Qunran, Mrs. Ernest Harvey, Mrs. Frye, Mrs. F. Mahorney, Miss May Mahorney, Miss Carrie Leizear, Miss Ella McClosky, Miss Bessie Yost, Miss Gertrude Harvey, Miss Anna Johnson, Misses Nellie and Margaret Becker, Miss Eugene Dent, Miss Lillian Jerman, George Harvey, Roy Dent, and Arthur Hepburn.

Miss Anna Louise Maus, daughter of Lieut. Col. Louis M. Maus, deputy surgeon general, U. S. A., was married to Lieut. Laurence Halstead, Thirtieth Infantry, on the morning of February 10 in San Francisco. The wedding was a quiet one, owing to the illness of the groom's father, there being no one present except the immediate family of the bride. Lieutenant Halstead, who is the son of Col. Benton Halstead of Cincinnati, and a nephew of Murat Halstead, was graduated from West Point in 1899. His first assignment took him

to Porto Rico, where he served until the spring of 1901. He was then ordered to the Philippine Islands, remaining there until July of 1902. Lieutenant Halstead is regarded as a brilliant young officer, and, although he has been but a few years in the army, he has an excellent record for service in the Philippines. At present he is on duty at the discharge camp, Angel Island, as adjutant. The bride and groom left for the East. They expect to be absent for about two months.

The wedding of Miss Anna Elizabeth Gibson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gibson, and Lieut. John Laws Hughes, Artillery Corps, took place on the evening of February 11 at the home of the



MISS RUTH HANNA, Daughter of Senator Hanna.

bride's parents in San Francisco, 2815 California Street. The ceremony was performed at 8 o'clock by Father Plus Murphy of St. Dominic's Church. Miss Sadie Ludlow, acted as maid of honor, and Charles Hughes, brother of the groom, was best man. Lieutenant and Mrs. Hughes left on their wedding tour for southern California, and upon their return will reside at the Presidio.

Miss Constance Mills, only daughter of Gen. and Mrs. Anson Mills, and Capt. Winfield Scott Overton, U. S. A., will be married the second week after Easter.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Shields announce the engagement of their daughter



MISS LANGHAM, Sister of the Baroness von Sternburg.

ter, Carrie Louise, to William H. Mussey, of New York, son of Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey and the late Gen. R. D. Mussey. The wedding will take place in the early spring.

At the home of Capt. and Mrs. Hiram Johnson a surprise party marked the tenth anniversary of their marriage last night. Among those present were Miss Sherman, Mrs. Nellie Hooper Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Chapell, Miss Harriet E. Hawley, Mr. and Mrs. Fayette Johnson, Lieutenant Smith, Miss Varney and Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Dolph.

A Baltimore paper published the following dispatch from Sioux Falls:

"Notwithstanding apparent efforts to keep the story from becoming public it has been learned that John Randolph Mordecai, of Baltimore, is now a benedict, and the former Mrs. Clapham Pen-

day evening at 6 o'clock, the contracting parties being Miss Mary G. Hows and William Lucas. The bride wore a gown of white organdy, trimmed with lace and ribbons, and carried a shower bouquet of bride roses. The bridesmaid was Miss Margaret C. Flynn, who also wore white organdy and lace, and carried pink carnations. John Challice was best man. A reception was held at the future home of the couple, 519 Virginia Avenue southwest.

Capt. and Mrs. A. M. Judson announce the marriage of their daughter Alice to William C. Weedon, in Los Angeles, Cal., December 19, 1902. The ceremony was witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dixon, of the Bostonians, of which company Mr. and Mrs. Weedon are also members.

In Military Circles.

The Women's Army and Navy League of Washington will give a musicale at the Lafayette Theater on March 12 at 4:15 p. m. There will be songs by Will T. Carleton and instrumental music by the Marine Band. The proceeds of the entertainment will be applied to the debt of the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines' Clubhouse in Washington, a most excellent institution.

Capt. Walton Goodwin, U. S. N., retired, who has been at Lake George, N. Y., has returned to Washington, and is located at 1516 P Street.

Capt. Munroe McFarland, Eighteenth Infantry, who is on leave of absence from Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo., was in Washington on Thursday and Friday.

Ensign Adolphus E. Watson, U. S. N., on sick leave, is at the Army and Navy Club in Washington.

Mrs. and Miss Bainbridge-Hoff have left Washington and will spend the spring months at Annapolis with Capt. Arthur Bainbridge-Hoff, Mrs. Bainbridge-Hoff's son.

Capt. W. T. Johnston, Fifteenth Cavalry, who has been at Kingston, Mo., on leave, arrived in Washington on Thursday, and is staying at the Ebbitt House, where he will be until Monday.

Paymaster Philip V. Mohun, U. S. N., is at 2110 California Avenue, Washington, D. C.

Major B. K. West, of the Subsistence Department, who has been ordered to duty in Washington, reported at the Commissary General's office in the War Department on Wednesday.

Assistant Paymaster Charles W. Ellison, U. S. N., who has been on duty on board the Panther, is at his home in Washington, 1411 Thirteenth Street northwest.

A dance was given in the bandroom of the Marine Barracks on Friday evening. The quarters of the officers were given up for the use of the dancers and handsomely decorated with the colors of the enlisted men, red and yellow. Two hundred couples participated in the dance and the grand march was led by Gen. Charles Heywood, commander of

First Spring Opening Mrs. M. J. Hunt, 1309 F St. N. W.,

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the corps, and his aide-de-camp, Capt. Henry Leonard, U. S. N. The United States Marine Band furnished the music.

Notes.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Howard and their daughter will pass the month of March with Dr. and Mrs. C. Norman Howard at 1936 Cincinnati Street.

Miss Mary E. Hamilton, of Kenyon Street, who has been visiting Mrs. William Wilkins in Greenville, S. C., has returned to her home.

W. C. Eustis, grandson of the late W. W. Corcoran, whose wife is a daughter of former Vice President Morton and the author of "Marion Manning," has purchased "Ontario," an estate near Leesburg, and established his family there. Mr. Eustis is planning extensive improvements for his new property.

Mrs. Steele, wife of Representative George W. Steele, of Indiana, has gone to Old Point to be with her son for a few days before he sails for Porto Rico, whither he has been ordered.

Count Yanagihara and Otohiko Matsumoto, who have passed the last few days in Washington, left town yesterday. The count is traveling for pleasure. Mr. Matsumoto is in the interest of the Mitsui Bank at Tokyo, one of the strongest financial institutions in the East.

Captain and Mrs. Fenton are visiting Mrs. Fenton's parents, General and Mrs. Rochester, with whom Mrs. Fenton will remain while her husband is on duty in the Philippines.

Miss Foraker will leave early next week to visit her sister, Mrs. Randolph Matthews, in Cincinnati.

Miss Anna Trostel, of York Springs, Pa., is visiting Miss Sadie E. White at 902 D Street southwest.

Mrs. Lou von Schemmer, of New York, is visiting Mrs. J. J. Smith, of 3019 Cambridge Place, and Miss Mary Ochsenreiter, of 451 Q Street.

Mrs. John Dalzell received yesterday afternoon. She was assisted by Mrs. Alsop and Mrs. A. B. Chinn, of Pittsburgh, and Mrs. Kinnard. Miss Nellie Dunn poured tea.

Mrs. Robert H. Foerderer, wife of the well-known Congressman from Pennsylvania, and Miss Foerderer joined the Congressman at the Raleigh Hotel on Thursday, and will remain in Washington until the close of Congress. Mrs. Foerderer has been ill for some time, and therefore unable to join her husband in Washington. Miss Foerderer has as her guest Miss Griffith, of Chicago.

Mrs. Ogden Goellet and Miss May Goellet, sister and niece of Lady Herbert, are booked to sail for Europe on March 7.

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